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MEETING

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REF: DEPARTMENT FOR S/PRS - FRED BROWN; DEPARTMENT PLEASE
PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR RON NESSEN

Q: Is this a crucial time for Africa as a whole and
Southern Africa in particular.

A: It's a time at which perhaps some progress may be
possible. We reviewed this morning the visits of the
British and the United States missions to Southern
Africa. We have exchanged ideas during these missions

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and we reviewed our conclusions which were quite parallel. We also discussed my forthcoming meeting with the South African Prime Minister and the prospects for making progress towards independence in Rhodesia and Namibia.

Q: Mr Secretary: Did you discuss guarantees for white settlers in Rhodesia and did you come to any conclusions about that or a figure.

A: Both the British and U.S. governments are working very closely together on the general concept by which progress might be made. There is no need at this point to reach any final conclusions because the negotiating process isn't at a point where such decisions are necessary. But in our general approach we are very close - that is between Britain and the United States.

Q: Do you expect to be going on to visit other leaders of Black Africa after your meeting in Zurich.

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A: As you know there's a meeting in Dar this weekend of five presidents and various liberation movements. My present plan is to return to the United States after my talk with the South African Prime Minister and my return to London to exchange further thoughts with British officials and ministers. We will then send Secretary Schaufele to Africa and depending upon his report I would be prepared to go to Africa next week.

Q: Do you think this is likely sir.

A: I don't want to prejudge what the African presidents are going to decide or what will come out of my meeting with Prime Minister Vorster. I believe that the conditions for progress in Southern Africa exist. They require very serious, very difficult negotiations, and there are many obstacles that have to be overcome, but matters having been brought to this point it would be a pity if they were discouraged {last word slightly garbled}.

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Q: And bearing in mind the violence of the situation do you think it makes it even more urgent to get something on the stocks, get something rolling.

A: I think we all agree that if there is no progress violence will increase throughout Southern Africa and that this is the time to prevent the escalation of bloodshed.

Q: Do you think you can do that sir.

A: We will make a major effort.

Q: Good. Thank you very much sir.

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